

Brian Gustafson, Administrator
Air Quality Program
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
523 East Capitol, Joe Foss Building
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

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Dear Mr. Gustafson:

I am the President/Owner of Gerstner Oil Co., Inc., a company with its business in the Siouxland. Please accept this letter as our company's formal comment requesting SD DENR approve the Hyperion Energy Center air permit. I strongly believe that this project is a great opportunity for the tri-state region and our nation.

Hyperion is committed to building the most advanced and environmentally sound refinery in the United States. It is disturbing that a new refinery has not been built in this country in over thirty years. The Hyperion Energy Center will be built from the ground up using new and proven emissions control technologies. I am also comforted in knowing that Hyperion will conduct ongoing monitoring during operations to ensure compliance with the permit requirements.

The economic benefit the state, region, and nation will see from this project is tremendous. Thousands of new jobs, new tax revenue and tremendous growth as a result of this project will benefit everyone in the region not to mention allowing South Dakota to take a leadership role in helping America to increase its energy security.

Thank you for your time and diligent attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Signature

Date 10-1-08

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